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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICA: ALGERIA CONGRATULATES FIVE AFRICAN
STATES ON LUSAKA DECLARATION

1. SUMMARY: BOUMEDIENE AND BOUTEFLIKA HAVE CONGRATULATED
FIVE AFRICAN STATES ON LUSAKA DECLARATION. AMBASSADOR
CALLS GOA ATTENTION TO STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY AND UNDER
SECRETARY ROGERS THAT LUSAKA MEETING ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES
OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. ALGERIANS EXPLAIN THAT BOUMEDIENE
MESSAGE DID NOT MEAN THEY INSIST ON ARMED STRUGGLE AS
ONLY SOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS SEPTEMBER 29 CARRIES TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TO PRESIDENTS NYERERE, SERETSE
KHAMA, NETO, MACHEL AND KUANDA MAKING FOLLOWING
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POINTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION:

A. ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH FOLLOWS POPULAR VICTORIES IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, HAS LED TO INITIATIVE FROM OUTSIDE CONTINENT AIMED AT LOOSENING VISE PRESSING RACIST REGIMES AND AT DIVIDING AFRICANS.

B. LUSAKA DECLARATION "APPROPRIATE ANSWER" TO THESE INITIATIVES AND REAFFIRMS WILL OF FRONT-LINE STATES TO SUPPORT SOUTHERN AFRICAN PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR ASPIRATIONS THROUGH STRUGGLE WHOSE VICTORIOUS CONCLUSION NOT IN DOUBT.

C. ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ACTIVELY SUPPORT FRONT LINE STATES IN THEIR COURAGEOUS ACTION UNDERTAKEN SIDE BY SIDE WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

D. NEW TEST TO WHICH AFRICA BEING PUT BY FORCES OF DOMINATION MUST BE OCCASION FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO CLOSE RANKS AGAINST IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS AND FORCES OF OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ADDRESSED SIMILAR MESSAGE TO HIS OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN TANZANIA, BOTSWANA, ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND ZAMBIA.

4. DURING SEPT 29 TOUR D'HORIZON (OTHER SUBJECTS SEPT 29), I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ADJALI THAT IMPOICATION IN BOUMEDIENE'S MESSAGE THAT FIVE FRONT-LINE STATES HAD REJECTED SMITH STATEMENT INCORRECT. THERE HAD, I SAID, BEEN AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES OF MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS, NEGOTIATIONS ON FORMATION OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND NEGOTIAIONS ON ARRANGING CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. THEN GAVE HIM TEXT OF SECRETARY'S EXCHANGE ON SUBJECT WITH VALERIANI (STATE'S 241217) AND FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF STATE'S 240517 REPORTING ROGERS-FUNSETH REMARKS, SAYING THESE WERE IMPORTANT STATEMENTS ALGERIANS SHOULD READ CAREFULLY.
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5. ADJALI REJOINED THAT ALGERIANS HAD ALWAYS SAID THEY WOULD ACCEPT JUST POLITICAL SOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ALGERIAN SUPPORT OF ARMED STRUGGLE STEMMED FROM CONCLUSION THAT, AT MOMENT, NO OTHER SOLUTION APPEARED POSSIBLE. IF POLITICAL SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND TO FRONT-LINE STATES COULD BE FOUND, ALGERIANS WOULD SUPPORT IT. HOWEVER,

ATTITUDE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CRUCIAL AND
ALGERIANS WOULD SUPPORT POSITIONS THESE GROUPS TOOK.

6. BOUMEDIENE MESSAGE, ADJALI SAID, REPRESENTED
"NUANCED POSITION." HIS IMPLICATION WAS THAT IT WAS
LEAST ALGERIANS COULD DO IN CIRCUMSTANCE.

7. COMMENT: BOUMEDIENE STATEMENT IS INDEED CAREFULLY
PHRASED. IT HARDLY HELPFUL, HOWEVER. MOST SIGNIFICANT
REMARK MADE BY ADJALI IS REFERENCE TO IMPORTANCE OF
ATTITUDES LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TAKE. THIS WILL,
WE SUSPECT, DETERMINE ATTITUDES ALGERIANS TAKE.PARKER

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